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Delaware Department of Correction Graduates its First Youth Academy

Dover, DE — 15 young men and women graduated from the Department's first-ever Youth Academy. The three-day program provided teens with the desire to learn about the criminal justice system the opportunity to interact and speak with various correctional employees. This program also provided participants with the opportunity to further their goals in potentially becoming police officers, agents, judges and attorneys, as well as enlisting in the military to serve our country.

Throughout the course of the week, the cadets took part in a condensed version of the DOC correctional academy training. During the program, they engaged in physical training, defensive tactics, attended lectures, completed the obstacle course, learned military drill style marching and standing at attention, team building activities, and became CPR certified. At the completion of the program, families and friends gathered for a graduation ceremony held at the department's Administration Building. All graduating cadets received a certificate for their participation in the program.

The instructional team for the 2018 Youth Academy consisted of Sergeant Jamie Courtney and Drill Instructors Andrew Krzanowski, Vincent Lewis and Latanya Smith.

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